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FUN WITH CIRCLES

A GUIDE
FOR
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FUN WITH CIRCLES

You can help your children learn. One way is to play games with them. Start when they are babies. Cardboard circles make learning fun.

Use colored circles to play games. They will teach your child about

color, size, and numbers.

Make three sizes of circles. Make one about 2 inches wide, another about 3 inches, another about 4 inches. They must be big enough so children can't swallow them.

CIRCLES HELP BABIES LEARN

Make a hanging toy out of circles for your baby to look at. It will help him to use his eyes. Here is how to make it.

Find a small stick or a wire coat hanger.

Punch a hole in two small circles and two middle-sized ones.

Tie one end of a string to each circle. Tie the other end to the stick or hanger. Hang the toy so the baby can see it but not touch it.



Play peek-a-boo

This is a game for babies 6 months or older. Show the baby the circle.

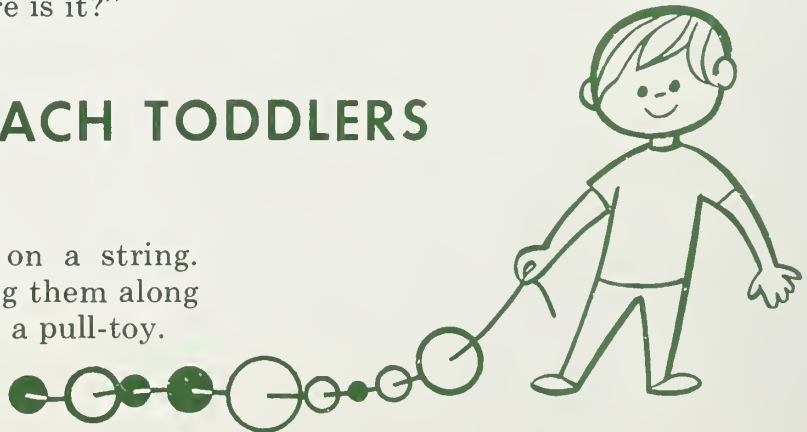
Hide the circle behind your back and say "Where is it?"

Baby will like this. He will learn that things that disappear will come back again.

CIRCLES TEACH TODDLERS

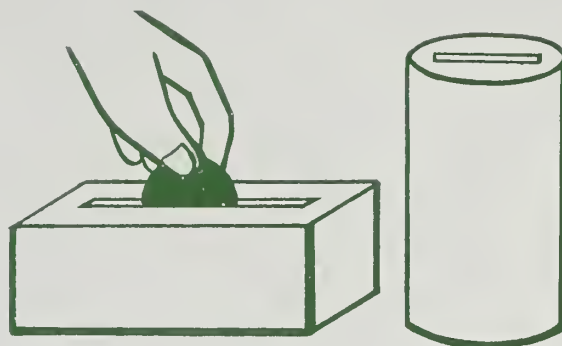
Make a pull-toy

Tie some circles on a string. Let your toddler drag them along behind him. This is a pull-toy.



Make a drop-box

Cut a slit in a box long enough for some circles to go through. Show your child how to make the circles disappear. Let him drop them through the slit in the box.



Use the circles to teach colors

Hand your child the circles and say the colors: "Here's a red circle." "Here's a blue one." "Here's a yellow one." He'll probably hand them back to you. When he does, say, "Thank you for the red circle" or whatever color he gives you. A toddler isn't ready to learn the

colors, but this game gets him ready to learn.

Think of other ways your toddler can learn from the colored circles.

What other ways do parents teach children about color?



CIRCLE GAMES FOR THE 3-TO-6-YEAR-OLD

Mix all the sizes and colors of circles together.

For this game ask your child to:

Put all the red circles in one place. Put all the blue ones in another place. Put all the yellow ones in another place. How many red circles are there? Count them—1, 2, 3, 4, etc.

Count the big circles.

Count the little circles.

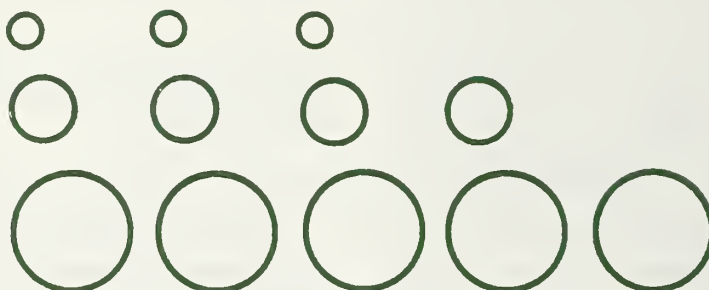
Count the middle-sized circles.

What else can you find that is round like a circle?

What other things are in a home which will teach a child colors?

For this game, ask your child to:

Line all the little circles up in a row.
Make a row of middle-sized circles.
Make a row of big circles.
Which row is the longest?



Which row is the shortest?
Which is the row that is middle-sized?

**BE SURE TO GIVE HIM A SMILE AND A "THANK YOU."
PRAISE HIM WHEN HE DOES EACH THING YOU ASK.**



**OLDER YOUNGSTERS CAN TEACH THE
YOUNGER CHILDREN WITH CIRCLES**

Show the older boys and girls how to play the games with the younger ones.

Show them how to make pictures out of circles.